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ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH
God Is In Control ~ Pastoral Message
+FR. NICHOLAS V. GAMVAS



If we learned anything from our journey through Holy Week, it should be this: Nothing happens outside the knowledge and will of God. No matter how dark and unsettling things appeared during the Passion of Christ – especially with the betrayal of Judas, the rejection of Jesus by His own people, the hypocrisy and blindness of the religious leaders, the cruelty of the Roman soldiers, and the unfairness of the perfect man becoming a sacrificial lamb crucified on the Cross for an ungrateful world – nothing happened outside the knowledge and will of God.

God is in control!

Jesus understood that He was a part of a greater plan to save the world. He understood that Divine Love will always conquer hatred and evil. Uncreated Light will always shine forth in the deepest darkness. Death can never have the final say over the Source of Life.

God is in control!

From our limited human perspective, sometimes it appears that evil wins out, sometimes it appears that hope has been lost, sometimes it appears that hatred is too great, sometimes it appears that life is too uncertain, sometimes it appears that death has the final say. Yet, we must never forget that our human perspective is limited. Our ways are not God's ways.

When everything seemed dark and hopeless, God revealed once again that His ways are not our ways, and that ultimately, **He is in control!**

Holy Pascha, our celebration of Christ's Resurrection, this Paschal Season is first and foremost a participation in Christ's victory, and a remembrance that we are never alone, that no darkness is greater than the Paschal Light, and that no event in history stands outside the will of the One "who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord Almighty." May we not forget this even as we get tired of this current crisis. The and all of the evil in the world, it isn't outside the control of God. The economic disaster, suffering, and loss of human life, isn't outside the control of God. And whatever happens to each one of us personally is not outside the control of God.

Christ is Risen! God is in control! And with faith in the Risen Lord, we can go forth in peace facing whatever tomorrow will bring. Don't allow any anxiety, fear, worry, or stress ever let you forget that **Christ is Risen and God is in control!**

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN! CHRISTOS ANESI! ALHQWS ANESI!





ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH

MAY & JUNE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MAY

MAY 4	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARERS 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 11	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 18	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 21	WEDNESDAY	STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN 9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy.
MAY 25	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE BLINDMAN 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 26	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES 9:00 am - Forest Hill Cemetery 10:00 am - West Lawn 11:00 am - Sunset Hills
MAY 29	THURSDAY	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS 9:00 am Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy

JUNE

JUNE 1	SUNDAY	FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 7	SATURDAY	SATURDAY OF SOULS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
JUNE 8	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF PENTECOST @ Holy Trinity 8:30 am - Orthros 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 15	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 22	SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 29	SUNDAY	STS. PETER AND PAUL THE APOSTLES 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy

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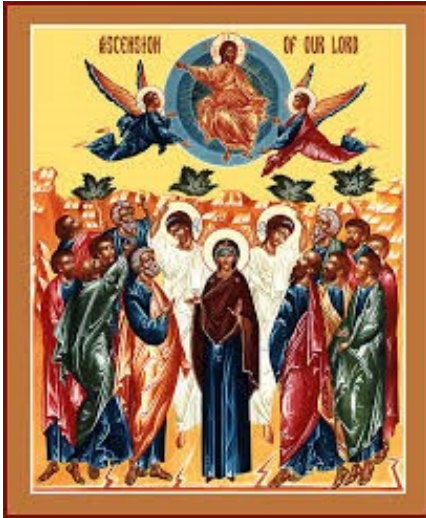
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice	2	3 Outside Event- Krassas Event Ctr
4 9:00 a.m. †Myrrh Bearers JOY Project	5 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Mother's Day Dinner	6 5:15 p.m. Greek School 7:00 Greek Fest Mtg.	7 Outside Event Tri-Rm & Yth Rm Dolmatha Prep	8 Outside Event- Krassas Event Ctr 9:00 a.m. Dolmatha Rolling 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:15 p.m. Alumni Dancers	9	10 9:00 a.m. Galaktoboureko Baking Outside Event- Krassas Event Ctr & Gym Outside Event- Tri-Rm & Yth Rdm
11 9:00 a.m. †Sunday of the Paralytic	12	13 5:15 p.m. Greek School	14 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	15 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:00 p.m. Dancers & Parent Meeting	16	17 Outside Event- Krassas Event Ctr Tri-Rm & Yth Rm
18 9:00 a.m. †Samaritan Woman General Assembly Youth Celebration	19	20 11:30 a.m. Silver Liners - Krassas Event Ctr. 7:00 Greek Fest Mtg. - Yth Rm	21 9:00 a.m. †Sts. Constantine & Helen 7:30 a.m. Kourambiethes Bake	22 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. †Blind Man	26 †Memorial Services @ the cemeteries	27	28	29 9:00 a.m. †Ascension 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice	30 GreekFest Pastry Baking	31

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 a.m. †Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council 11:00 a.m. Festival Baking Galatobouriko	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 a.m. †Saturday of Souls
				OPA! CANTON GREEK FEST!		
8 9:00 a.m. †Holy Pentecost @ Holy Trinity	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. †All Saints	16	17 11:30 a.m. Silver Liners Picnic	18	19	20	21 Outside Event-Tri-Rm & Yth Rm
22 9:00 †2nd Sunday of Matthew	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. †Sts. Peter & Paul the Apostles	30					

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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Thus we have come to the last day of Christ's physical presence on Earth. This marks the fulfillment of all things, since His Conception at the Annunciation to the Holy Virgin, His Birth and all the events of His earthly life, recorded for us in the Gospels. Christ came down from Heaven in order to destroy the power of Satan over mankind.

Christ was crucified and rose from the dead in order to destroy death. Christ ascends into the skies in order to raise up fallen human nature to the heights of Heaven. But He ascends not as He came down. He ascends taking with Himself a human body, a human soul, a human mind, a human will, all the attributes of human nature, except of course for sin, for Christ's human nature is human nature as it was first intended to be, not fallen human nature, but human nature redeemed and made all comely.

We should note, however, that all these victories of Christ over Satan, death and sin are accomplished in humility. At His Birth there was, as we would say now, no media. All happened in obscurity, lowliness and poverty, as the Savior of mankind was born in a cave by the ox and the donkey.

At His Crucifixion also there was no glory: on the contrary, there was shame, thieves, reviling, mockery, bodily death, a lonely death. At His Resurrection, nobody saw anything. The women who saw the empty tomb were not even believed. Only a few dozen believers came to believe in the first few weeks after His Resurrection. So also at His Ascension the only witnesses were His Mother and the eleven disciples amid the obscure olives groves on the Mount outside the City. We see that all the great events, all the victories, of the life of Christ were accompanied by humility. This is because in the Church victory is humility. Every act of humility is a victory over the pride of Satan. And in order to grant us the opportunity for humility, at the last event of His physical presence amongst us, Christ gives us two things:

Firstly, He comforts us and the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Who will guide us into all truth, into all humility. Secondly, through His holy angels, He reminds us that as He ascends, so He will return, with angels and a cloud of glory. He reminds us that He will return in His Second and Glorious Coming to judge all the Earth.

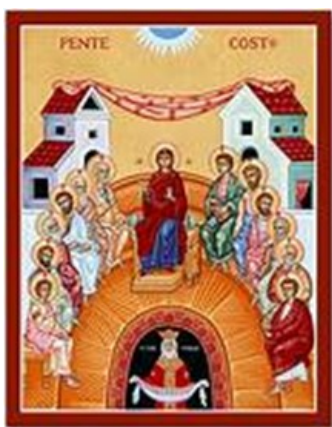
When He ascends, He promises us the Holy Spirit. When He descends at the Second Coming, He will come in glory as the Victor over death to judge all deathly acts, that is, all sins, for as the Apostle writes, the wages of sin are death. Thus God is victorious in humility. Therefore the Orthodox Church and faithful Orthodox Christians are also victorious, but only in humility.

God is the Merciful Savior among us, granting us the Holy Spirit in order to guide us on our path to the victory of humility. As we have sung this day: 'I am with you and no-one will be against you'.

God is the Righteous Judge among us, granting us His Coming again as the Judge of the Universe, guiding us on our path to the victory of humility: 'I am with you and no-one will be against you'. Amen.

PENTECOST

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One of the most important feast days of the Christian Church - the birthday of the church - is Holy Pentecost. The word Pentecost is a Greek word meaning fiftieth.

Just before Jesus Christ ascended into heaven on the fortieth day after His resurrection, he promised his faithful disciples and followers that very soon the power of the Holy Spirit would be with them to give them spiritual strength to carry the message of Christ throughout the world. The followers of Christ, however, were simple fishermen, and they had very little education. They gathered together in the “upper room” waiting for a sign from heaven. Suddenly on the fiftieth day after Pascha, there came a great sound from heaven which was like a rushing mighty wind. It filled the house where the disciples were waiting. Then a miracle happened. Great tongues of fire were seen over each of the heads of the disciples. It was the power of the Holy Spirit which brought divine inspiration to all in the house. They began to speak many languages, and they were “filled with the Holy Spirit”. This was the fulfillment of the promise which the Lord had given to them.

St. Peter delivered the first sermon in Jerusalem on this first Pentecost. Over 3000 people became Christians. The disciples traveled to the far corners of the earth to bring the message of Jesus Christ to all men. All this was made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit on that eventful and historic day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem almost 2000 years ago.

During the Divine Liturgy, all Orthodox Christians take part in the beautiful service known as “the service of kneeling”. The priest reads three beautiful prayers about the miracle of Pentecost. During each prayer the entire congregation kneels and prays also. It is during this time that we pray very hard that the power of the Holy Spirit will enter our hearts also and give us spiritual strength to live out our lives according to the will of God. Let the Holy Spirit enter our hearts. This is the true meaning of Pentecost!



SAINTS KONSTANTINE AND HELEN Equal-to-the-Apostles

Commemorated on May 21

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Saints Constantine and Helen are two of the greatest saints in the Orthodox Church. In fact, they have been given the title “Equal-to-the-Apostles” for their witness of faith and contribution to the life of the Church. Saint Helen was the mother of Saint Constantine. Saint Constantine was the last emperor of the Roman Empire.

Constantine converted to Christianity during a battle when he was vastly outnumbered by an enemy force. In the sky he saw the vision of a cross with the words “*en touto nika*” “In this sign, you will be victorious.” Ordering his soldier to put crosses on their shields, he won the battle and became a Christian. In 313, through the Edict of Milan, he made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. This was a turning point for Christianity, as for the first time, churches, Christians and Christianity were not being persecuted. In 325, St. Constantine moved the capital of the world from Rome to Turkey, to a city he renamed Constantinople. Thus ended the Roman Empire and began the Byzantine Empire, which stood from 325-1453. Saint Constantine also convened the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in 325. This Council gave to us the Canon of Scripture (The Bible) as well as the Nicene Creed, our basic statement of faith. Saint Helen, Constantine’s mother, was a big influence on him and his introduction to Christianity. A saintly person in her own right, St. Helen organized a group of soldiers to go and find the true Cross of Christ, which they found buried on Golgotha.

In the Feastday Gospel is from John 10:1-9. Taken together with verses 9-16, they speak of Christ as the Good Shepherd, those this phrase “the Good Shepherd” is in verses 9-16. Jesus speaks in words that people of the time could understand, comparing Himself to a shepherd who cares for a flock of sheep, the people. He contrasts Himself to others who came before Him, claiming to be good shepherds of the sheep (the people of Israel) but were in fact more like robbers and thieves who didn’t care for the sheep.

Jesus said that the one “*who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way. . . is a thief and a robber.*” (John 10:1) The one “*who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*” (10:2) The sheep hear the voice of their shepherd and follow the shepherd because “*they know His voice.*” (10:4) The people are confused, we are told, in verse 6. So, Jesus erases all doubt when He says to them “*I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers but the sheep did not heed them.*” (10:7-8) Jesus concludes this passage by saying that He is the door by which we are go in and out and find pasture. He is the door by which we will find our salvation. He is the door by which we will go out to the pasture to graze. And we will ultimately graze on Christ and on His word. If we want to find pasture, if we want to be fed and protected, Jesus is THE door (the one and only door) that makes this possible.

Jesus uses the image of the shepherd with the sheep because it is something people of that time understood. They understood that sheep need a shepherd to protect them, that the only place to be safe from wild animals was in the sheep pen, with a shepherd who would guard the door and keep them safe. Unlike sheep, however, who were not intelligent by nature and needed to be prodded and poked to move to safety, Jesus knows that we are rational sheep who need to be loved by the shepherd, and He presents Himself as the shepherd who loves the sheep and who would be willing to lay His life down for them. Saints Constantine and Helen were two disciples who provided “doors” by which Christianity was able to spread throughout the Empire and beyond.



MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, and was first proclaimed by General John Logan on 5 May 1868 to honor the soldiers who died during the American Civil War. The beginning of General John Logan's order begins:

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." – General Order No. 11

Decoration Day was observed in 17 states in 1868. Maine became the first state to declare a legal holiday for the day in 1874, followed by Massachusetts in 1881. Other northern states followed. By the end of the Great War (World War I), Memorial Day was a legal holiday in most northern states and a handful of southern states including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and North and South Carolina (though the day was marked on different dates in these states).

The holiday became popularly known as Memorial Day by the late 19th century and its scope gradually expanded to remember the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In a newspaper article from 1899 titled "Memorial Day of the Future", General Marcus P. Miller writes that the Memorial Day serves to remember all those soldiers, from all across the United States, who have fought and died in the Spanish war, in Cuba, Puerto Rico, as well as the Philippines.

With the passage of the National Holiday Act (or Uniform Monday Holiday Act; Public Law 90-363) in 1968, Memorial Day was given the floating date of the last Monday in May across the country starting in 1971.

The Memorial Day weekend is three days long for most people since many companies close for the holiday. It is the unofficial beginning of the summer vacation season that lasts until the first Monday in September, which is Labor Day.

There are numerous traditions followed on Memorial Day. One is the U.S. flag quickly being raised to the tops of flagpoles, then slowly lowered to half-mast, and then raised again to full height at noon. The time at half-mast is meant to honor the million-plus fallen U.S. soldiers who have died for their country over the years. Re-raising the flag is meant to symbolize the resolve of the living to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain.

It is also very common for people across the country to visit military cemeteries at this time of year to decorate the graves. Small American flags, flowers, and wreaths are commonly placed by the tombstones.

Many wear or put on display red poppies on this day. This tradition grew out of the famous poem by Canadian John McCrae known as "In Flanders Fields," which he was inspired to write upon seeing red poppies growing over the graves of World War I soldiers.

Η Αγία Πεντηκοστή

Ο Αιδ. Νικόλαος Β. Γαμβας



Πράγματι, ο σκοπός της επίγειας ζωής μας, σύμφωνα με τους αγίους Πατέρες και το υψηλό περιεχόμενο της σημερινής γιορτής (Κυριακή της Πεντηκοστής), δεν είναι άλλος από την απόκτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Η υπόσχεση της Παλαιάς Διαθήκης ήταν ο ερχομός του Χριστού, και η υπόσχεση της Καινής Διαθήκης ήταν ο ερχομός του Αγίου Πνεύματος στην Εκκλησία. Οι γιορτές της Πεντηκοστής και του Αγίου Πνεύματος, μας εισάγουν σε ένα γεγονός που αποτελεί το θεμέλιο της ζωής της Εκκλησίας. Διότι με την κάθοδο του Παρακλήτου, 10 ημέρες μετά την Ανάληψη του Κυρίου, πραγματοποιήθηκε η υπόσχεση που έδωσε ο Χριστός στους αποστόλους κατά το Μυστικό Δείπνο: «Δεν θα σας αφήσω μόνους και ορφανούς, θα ξανάρθω κοντά σας... Το Πνεύμα το Άγιο, που θα στείλει ο Πατέρας στο όνομά μου, ΕΚΕΙΝΟΣ

θα σας διδάξει τα πάντα, και θα φέρει στη μνήμη σας όλα όσα σας έχω πει εγώ» (Ιω, 14, 15-18, 26). Κατά την Πεντηκοστή επανέρχεται ο Χριστός, μετά την Ανάληψή Του, εν Αγίω Πνεύματι, για να ζει μέσα στους πιστούς Του για πάντα. Αυτό σήμαινε ο λόγος του Χριστού κατά το Μυστικό Δείπνο: «Λίγο χρόνο ακόμη και δεν θα με βλέπετε, και πάλι λίγο χρόνο και θα με δείτε» (Ιω. 16,16). Ότι ο Χριστός θα ζει μεταξύ των πιστών δια του Παρακλήτου. Γι' αυτό και η Πεντηκοστή είναι η εκπλήρωση του σκοπού της Δημιουργίας και της ιστορίας, το μεγαλύτερο δώρο στην ανθρωπότητα, αφού κατ' αυτήν έχουμε την ίδρυση της Εκκλησίας.

Ο Παράκλητος, που είναι το τρίτο θείο πρόσωπο της Αγίας Τριάδος, και όχι φυσικά απλή δύναμη και ενέργεια του Θεού, όπως πίστευαν και πιστεύουν ακραίες προτεσταντικές ομάδες, μεταδίδει τη Χάρη του σ' όλη την κτίση, μέσα από τη λατρεία. Τα υλικά στοιχεία, όπως είναι το ψωμί, το κρασί, το νερό, οι καρποί, ο χρόνος, ο τόπος, προσφέρονται στον Τριαδικό Θεό, για να αγιαστούν και να ενταχθούν στην πνευματική βασιλεία Του. Αυτό γίνεται με τα μυστήρια και τις αγιαστικές πράξεις της λατρείας μας. Τα μυστήρια αγιάζουν την ύλη και την μεταβάλλουν σε φορέα της άκτιστης χάρης του Θεού. Προσφέρουμε λόγου χάρη «άρτον και οίνον» στη Θεία Ευχαριστία, και κοινωνούμε Χριστό και σωτηρία. Το λάδι αγιάζεται δια του Ευχελαίου, το νερό δια του Βαπτίσματος και του αγιασμού. Ακόμα και το λιβάνι συμβολίζει την πνευματική ευωδία που πρέπει να αναδίδει η ζωή του χριστιανού. Η Εκκλησία ζει επομένως στη Θεία Χάρη και τη μεταδίδει συνεχώς στον κόσμο. Δεν υπάρχει ατομικιστική σωτηρία, μακριά από την μεγάλη οικογένεια που λέγεται ενορία και εκκλησιαστική ζωή. Ο Ορθόδοξος χριστιανός άλλωστε μαθαίνει να ζει, λίγο ή πολύ, μέσα στο κλίμα της άσκησης, της προσευχής και της λατρείας, και να ζητεί με αυτά το Άγιο Πνεύμα, διότι δεν μπορεί κανείς να δεχθεί το Χριστό ως Σωτήρα και Κύριο χωρίς τη χάρη του Παρακλήτου.

Η Πεντηκοστή επίσης υπήρξε, και είναι για τον κόσμο, μια διόρθωση της σύγχυσης που υπέστη με την Βαβέλ, επαναφέρει στο Θεό, και προσφέρει τα χαρίσματα του Θεού στους ανθρώπους, με κορυφαίο χάρισμα την αγάπη, την αγάπη μάλιστα προς τους εχθρούς, που είναι ανύπαρκτη στις προχριστιανικές και εξωχριστιανικές θρησκείες. Η Εκκλησία, χωρίς το Άγιο Πνεύμα, δεν θα διέφερε άλλωστε από κάποιο ίδρυμα, ή θα ήταν ένα φιλανθρωπικό σωματείο και μόνο, ή κάποια ιστορική λέσχη, αφού δεν θα αποτελούσε ζωντανή και Θεανθρώπινη κοινότητα. Δια του Παρακλήτου η Εκκλησία είναι όμως χώρος αναγέννησης και γνήσιας θεραπείας. Ο πιστός, στην πορεία της ζωής του και στον αγώνα του, όσες φορές τραυματιστεί από την αμαρτία, μπορεί να καταφύγει σ' αυτήν, γιατί κατά τον ιερό Χρυσόστομο, η Εκκλησία είναι 'ιατρείον πνευματικόν', δηλαδή πνευματικό νοσοκομείο. Οι άγιοι θαυματουργούν γιατί είναι κατοικητήρια της άκτιστης δόξας του Θεού. Και κάθε πιστός καλείται, με τη χάρη του Τριαδικού Θεού, να γίνει άγιος, ώστε η ανθρωπίνη κοινωνία να γίνει κοινωνία αγίων,

Η Αγία Πεντηκοστή

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Ο Αιδ. Νικόλαος Β. Γαμβας

Όπως προείπαμε, ορισμένες ακραίες προτεσταντικές ομάδες ΑΡΝΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΤΗ ΘΕΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ, το οποίο θεωρούν απλή ενέργεια και δύναμη του Θεού. Αντίθετα, το Άγιο Πνεύμα ονομάζεται από τον απ. Παύλο «Κύριος» και εύχεται: «Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ να κατευθύνει τις καρδιές σας στην αγάπη του Θεού και στην υπομονή του Χριστού» (Β' Θεσ. 3,5) και πάλι λέγει: «Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ Όλοι εμείς αντανakλώντες την λαμπρότητα του Κυρίου, μεταμορφωνόμαστε σε ομοιότητα με αυτόν ... Αυτό προέρχεται ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΟ, ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ» (Β' Κορ. 3,15-18). Ο απ. Πέτρος αποκρίθηκε στον Ανανία: «Γιατί κυρίευσε την καρδιά σου ο Σατανάς, ώστε να πεις ψέματα στο Άγιο Πνεύμα; Δεν είπες ψέματα σε ανθρώπους, ΑΛΛΑ ΣΤΟ ΘΕΟ» (Πραξ. 5, 3-4).

Μάλιστα, Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ που στα ΠαλαιοΔιαθηκικά χρόνια πειράστηκε (δεν τον υπάκουαν και τον αρνήθηκαν στην πράξη πολλές φορές) στην έρημο από τους Εβραίους (Εξ. 17,7) ΔΕΝ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΑΛΛΟΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ: «Όπως λέει το Πνεύμα το Άγιο: 'Σήμερα εάν ακούσετε τη φωνή Του, να μη σκληρύνετε τις καρδιές σας, ΟΠΩΣ ΤΟΤΕ ΠΟΥ ΜΕ ΠΙΚΡΑΝΑΤΕ (πολύ, με τη δυσαρέσκειά σας) στην έρημο, όπου με έβαλαν σε δοκιμασία οι πατέρες σας, ΜΕ ΔΟΚΙΜΑΣΑΝ δηλαδή παρ' ότι είδαν για σαράντα χρόνια ΤΑ ΕΡΓΑ ΜΟΥ (υπέρ αυτών)'» (Εβρ. 3,7-9). Ακόμη, τα λόγια του Θεού δια του Ησαΐα προς τους Ιουδαίους: «Πήγαινε και πες σ' αυτόν τον λαό: Θ' ακούτε μα δεν θα καταλαβαίνετε. Θα βλέπετε, μα δεν θα εννοείτε....» (6,8-10), ο απ. Παύλος τα αποδίδει και πάλι στον Παράκλητο: «Σωστά ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΜΙΛΗΣΕ δια μέσου του προφήτη Ησαΐα στους πατέρες μας λέγοντας: 'πήγαινε σ' αυτόν τον λαό και πες: με τ' αυτιά θ' ακούσετε μα δεν θα εννοήσετε και βλέποντας θα κοιτάξετε αλλά δεν θα δείτε'...» (Πράξεις 28,25-27).

Λατρεύουμε λοιπόν και εμπιστευόμαστε, στην λυτρωτική Αποκάλυψή Του, έναν Θεό που είναι Τριαδικός, δηλαδή ΕΝΑΣ είναι στην ουσία, αλλά Τριαδικός στις υποστάσεις-πρόσωπα. Διότι και ο Ιησούς, μιλώντας στους μαθητές Του, λέγει τα εξής: «Ο ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΤΟΣ, το Άγιο Πνεύμα το οποίο θα σας στείλει ο Πατέρας στο όνομά μου, ΕΚΕΙΝΟΣ θα σας διδάξει τα πάντα, και θα σας υπενθυμίσει όλα όσα σας είπα» (Ιω. 14,26). Ενώ λοιπόν ο Χριστός είναι ο Παράκλητος, ο συνήγορος και μεσίτης μας προς τον Θεό Πατέρα (Α' Ιω. 2,1), ο ίδιος ονομάζει Παράκλητο και το Άγιο Πνεύμα, διδάσκοντας έτσι ότι είναι το τρίτο ισότιμο πρόσωπο της Αγίας Τριάδος.





Η Μεγαλομάρτυς Η Αγία Ειρήνη – 5 η Μαίου

+ Ο Αιδ. Νικολαος Β. Γαμβας

Η Αγία Μεγαλομάρτυς Ειρήνη άθλησε κατά τον 4ο αιώνα μ.Χ. Ήταν θυγατέρα του Λικινίου, που ήταν βασιλιάς κάποιου μικρού βασιλείου, και της Λικινίας. Καταγόταν από την πόλη Μαγεδών και αρχικά ονομαζόταν Πηνελόπη. Όταν η Αγία έγινε έξι ετών, ο πατέρας της Λικίνιος την έκλεισε σε ένα πύργο και ανέθεσε την διαπαιδαγώγησή της σε κάποιον γέροντα, ονόματι Απελλιανό, ο οποίος και έγραψε τα υπομνήματα του μαρτυρίου αυτής.

Μία νύχτα η Ειρήνη είδε το εξής όραμα: μπήκε στον πύργο ένα περιστέρι κρατώντας με το ράμφος του κλαδί ελιάς, το οποίο και άφησε επάνω στο τραπέζι. Επίσης, μπήκε και ένας αετός μεταφέροντας στεφάνι από άνθη, το οποίο τοποθέτησε και αυτός επάνω στο τραπέζι. Έπειτα μπήκε από άλλο παράθυρο ένας κόρακας, ο οποίος έβαλε επάνω στο τραπέζι ένα φίδι. Το πρωί που ξύπνησε απορούσε και σκεπτόταν τι άραγε να σημαίνουν αυτά που είδε. Τα διηγήθηκε λοιπόν στον γέροντα Απελλιανό και εκείνος τα ερμήνευσε ως προάγγελμα των στεφάνων της δόξας και του μαρτυρικού τέλους αυτής μετά τη βάπτισή της.

Στο Χριστιανισμό ελκυσθήκε από κάποια κρυπτοχριστιανή νέα, η οποία, λόγω της τιμότητας και των αρετών της, έχαιρε μεγάλης εκτιμήσεως από τους γονείς της Πηνελόπης και είχε τοποθετηθεί από αυτούς ως θεραπαίνιδα της θυγατέρας τους. Ένας ιερέας, ονόματι Τιμόθεος, βάπτισε κρυφά τη νεαρή ηγεμονίδα και τη μετονόμασε Ειρήνη.

Το γεγονός δεν άργησε να πληροφορηθεί ο πατέρας της Λικίνιος, όταν μάλιστα η Αγία Ειρήνη συνέτριψε τα είδωλα της πατρικής της οικίας ομολογώντας με αυτό τον τρόπο την πίστη της στον Χριστό. Για τον λόγο αυτό ανακρίθηκε και καταδικάστηκε πρώτα από τον ίδιο της τον πατέρα. Στη συνέχεια έπαθε πολλά από τους Πέρσες και τους βασιλείς αυτών Σεδεκία και Σαπώριο Α'.

Έπειτα η Αγία Ειρήνη πήγε στην Καλλίπολη του Ελλησπόντου, όπου βασίλευε ο Νουμεριανός. Εκεί παρουσιάστηκε σε αυτόν και ομολόγησε με παρρησία την πίστη της στον Χριστό. Οι ειδωλολάτρες την έκλεισαν διαδοχικά σε τρία πυρακτωμένα χάλκινα βόδια. Το τρίτο όμως βόδι, τη στιγμή που βρισκόταν εντός του η Μεγαλομάρτυς, όλως παραδόξως κινήθηκε, ενώ ήταν άψυχο ανθρώπινο κατασκευάσμα. Στη συνέχεια αυτό σχίσθηκε και βγήκε από μέσα του η Αγία εντελώς αβλαβής από την κόλαση της πυράς. Το γεγονός αυτό είχε ως αποτέλεσμα να προσέλθουν στην πίστη του Χριστού χιλιάδες ψυχές. Στην πόλη Μεσημβρία της Θράκης η Αγία Ειρήνη θανατώθηκε, αλλά με τη δύναμη του Θεού αναστήθηκε και είλκυσε στην πίστη το διοικητή και ολόκληρο το λαό. Τέλος, η Αγία κατέφυγε μαζί με το δάσκαλό της Απελλιανό στην Έφεσο της Μικράς Ασίας, όπου διέμεινε επιτελώντας πολλά θαύματα και τιμώμενη ως αληθινή ισάποστολος. Εκεί ανέπτυξε μεγάλη δράση μέχρι την ημέρα της κοιμήσεως αυτής, το 315 μ.Χ. Στο Συναξάρι της αναφέρεται ότι στην Έφεσο η Αγία βρήκε μία λάρνακα, στην οποία δεν είχε ως τότε ενταφιασθεί κανένας, μπήκε μέσα σε αυτήν και κοιμήθηκε με ειρήνη. Πριν δε από την κοίμησή της η Αγία Ειρήνη είχε δώσει εντολή να μην μετακινήσει κανένας την ταφόπετρα, με την οποία θα σκέπαζε τη λάρνακα ο δάσκαλός της Απελλιανός, προτού περάσουν τέσσερις ημέρες. Μετά όμως από δύο ημέρες επισκέφθηκαν τον τάφο ο Απελλιανός και οι άλλοι, οι οποίοι είδαν ότι η ταφόπετρα ήταν σηκωμένη και η λάρνακα κενή.

Κατά τα δυτικά Μαρτυρολόγια η Αγία Ειρήνη μαρτύρησε στη Θεσσαλονίκη, αφού ρίχθηκε στην πυρά. Πρέπει δε να σημειώσουμε ότι, κατά το Μηνολόγιον του αυτοκράτορα Βασιλείου Β', η Αγία Ειρήνη τελειώθηκε μαρτυρικά δι' αποκεφαλισμού.

Απολυτίκιον. Ήχος δ'. Ταχύ προκατάλαβε.

Ειρήνης τον άρχοντα, ιχνηλατούσα σεμνή, ειρήνης επώνυμος, δι' επιπνοίας Θεού, εδείχθης πανεύφημη· συ γαρ του πολεμίου, τας ενέδρας φυγούσα, ήθλησας υπέρ φύσιν, ως παρθένος φρονίμη· διό Μεγαλομάρτυς Ειρήνη, ειρήνην ημίν αίτησαι.

Κοντάκιον. Ήχος γ'. Η Παρθένος σήμερον.

Παρθενίας κάλλεσι, πεποικιλμένη παρθένε, τη αθλήσει γέγονας, ωραιοτάτη Ειρήνη· αίμασι, τοις εκχυθείσί σου φοινιχθείσα, πλάνην τε, καταβαλούσα της αθείας· διά τούτο και εδέξω, βραβεία νίκης χειρί του Κτίστου σου.



ASK FATHER NICK...

Question: I am afraid. The world is out of control. Our government is failing its people. Disease is running ramped throughout our world with new strains and variants, climate change, social unrest, experimental medicine, censorship, and poverty abound. A full third of Americans can't afford healthcare, food, and shelter. Take it in. That's north of a hundred million people. Astounding – maybe even shocking – isn't it? The poor cannot afford the basics of decent lives, while the rich cannot find ways to spend their fortunes. Why am I (we) so afraid? Is this the end of times? Anonymous

Answer: David, the strong one who took down a giant single-handedly, begins a key verse in Psalm 56:3 by admitting he is scared: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." When we share our fears with a trustworthy person, it normalizes our fears and says they are not something to be ashamed of. Sharing with God, as well as a friend, can open the door for healing and overcoming. David goes on to say in Psalm 56:4a, "In God, whose word I praise — in God I trust and am not afraid". David reveals the source he turns to when he is afraid. He turns to God's Word for the strength and courage to overcome. Our fears, as well as the fears of those we love and care for, are legitimate and should not be minimized or belittled. Yet, these fears can turn into the very building blocks God can use to make us brave when we share them with someone safe. Let us see the source of our bravery and soak our thoughts in God's strength. Psalm 62:6, "Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken." As far as end of times go ? "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. (Matthew 24:36) Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ... (Matthew 24: 1-51) I close with : Isaiah 41:10 Therefore do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Question: What was the first plague on earth? Anonymous

Answer: The First Plague Pandemic was the first Old World pandemic of plague, the contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*. Also called the Early Medieval Pandemic, it began with the Plague of Justinian in 541 and continued until 750 or 767; at least fifteen or eighteen major waves of plague following the Justinianic plague have been identified from historical records. The pandemic affected the Mediterranean Basin most severely and most frequently, but also infected the Near East and Northern Europe. Procopius the historian recorded about 50 million deaths.



Pascha-Christ's Glorious Resurrection

By the grace of God, we have reached the Paschal Season. Christ's glorious Resurrection, His triumph over death and the bestowing upon us of **ETERNAL LIFE!** After Jesus' crucifixion, no one expected Him to rise from the dead. Those who knew and believed in Him didn't think He could come to life after being crucified.

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a member of the Council, asked Pilate for His body, prepared it for burial, and placed Him in his own tomb. Early on Sunday morning, some women came to the tomb with more spices for His body. If either Joseph or the women had expected Jesus to come to life, they would not have made all these preparations for His burial.

When the first Pascha Sunday rolled around, the scattered disciples might have wondered if Jesus' influence would live on. They had dedicated the better part of three years to following Him. They left their jobs, and some even left their families. In the hours after Jesus' death, they were asking themselves if they all made a mistake. Even though Jesus told them He would die, they never thought He would die on a cross like a common criminal. Could the movement that Jesus began continue without Him? It seemed unlikely. His small band of followers were even now in hiding, fearing for their very lives.

Jesus made such a difference to each of them. Tradition tells us that one of the women who followed Jesus, Mary Magdalene, who had been healed of her many transgressions. Jesus, however, convinced her that God still loved her. And she followed Him and was extremely devoted to Him. Then the unthinkable happened: Jesus died on the cross. Mary witnessed His death firsthand upon that cruel cross, and she was there when His lifeless body was taken down and put into a tomb. Mary knew He was dead, and all of her dreams died with Him. Maybe this is where we should start: **PASCHA CONFRONTS US WITH THE REALITY OF DEATH.** It is death that makes us realize how precious life truly is.

That first Pascha morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene made her way to Christ's tomb. She went there out of respect for the man who changed her life. Maybe in the stone-cold silence of the cemetery she could sort through her emotions. But when she arrived, she noticed that the stone covering His tomb had been rolled away. This was distressing for Mary. But even more distressing was that someone had stolen Christ's body. Who would do such a cruel thing? Mary ran from that place of death to find Peter. When she found him she told him, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter and John rushed to the tomb and confirmed Mary's report- the body of Jesus was missing. With troubled hearts, yet somehow hopeful, the two disciples went back to their homes and left Mary alone in front of the tomb. She stood there crying. Once again, she looked into the tomb to see the place where Jesus' body should have been, but instead of an empty tomb she saw two angels sitting there. They asked her, "Woman why are you weeping?" And she replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Then she sensed someone else near her. She turned and saw a man whom she assumed was the gardener. He asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

She could not see clearly through her tears and failed to recognize that the man she was talking with was the risen Lord. Thinking him to be the gardener, she asked him if he had taken the body or if he had seen anyone else take it. Then the risen Lord said her name, "Mary!" Mary felt a sudden pull on her heart. She knew that this was Jesus. He was no longer dead but alive and standing in front of her.



DEACON KERIC'S CORNER

REV. DEACON KERIC SHIEPIS, D.C.

Then the most interesting thing happened. Jesus said to Mary, "Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father." Don't you think that is strange? "Do not hold on to Me..." Perhaps this was Jesus' way of telling Mary that her life could never return to what it was. "Do not hold on to Me..." Mary would have to let go of the mortal Jesus if she wanted to hold on to the immortal Christ. **PASCHA IS THE TIME OF LETTING GO.** Moving past the temporal and looking to our future with Christ in eternity. There are some things that we just cannot hold on to. Many of us have lost loved ones through the years, and it hurts. And Pascha does not minimize our sense of loss. But it does say: thank God that that which has been lost shall be returned to us. We can trust God with those that we love. That is why we pray "let their memories be eternal." We can let go (of the temporal, because we know that **"CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND BY DEATH TRAMPLING UPON DEATH AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!!"**)

What are we clinging to that is preventing us from experiencing a new life in Christ? Mary Magdalene was clinging to a memory of how things used to be. But she had to let go of the physical Jesus to claim the new reality of the Christ of faith, the **IMMORTAL RISEN CHRIST**. Pascha confronts us with the reality of death so that we are able to appreciate the gift of eternal life.

The great news of Pascha is that death no longer has a grip on us. **JESUS IS ALIVE!** New life is available to everyone who calls on His name. With tears of joy streaming down Mary's cheeks, Jesus tells her, "Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God.'" Mary then left the graveyard to return with the good news: "I have seen the Lord!" Because Jesus conquered death, Mary had new hope, new meaning, and new life. Mary's life changed when the Lord healed her when she first met Him, and her life was transformed from the encounter with the risen Lord from a temporal life to a life focused on eternal life. When we experience the true meaning of Pascha and what the Lord has endured and accomplished for us, our lives should be focused on eternity and the heavenly treasures that await us and not be caught up in our temporal circumstances.

Jesus is perfect man and perfect God. He led an extraordinary life.

Although He never wrote a book (per se) the Holy Bible is all about Him. He never composed a song, but many hymns have been written praising Him. Jesus was a carpenter, but we are not sure if He ever built a house, but He promise to prepare a place for us in heaven. He healed multitudes **"Physician of our souls and bodies"** and continues healing us to this present day yet never had a "medical degree." And even though He traveled less than a hundred miles from home, He impacted the entire world. Jesus wasn't a soldier, but His truth brought down mighty empires.

Christ's life was a display of love, mercy, and compassion. He was never too busy to help people in need, and He welcomed and loved children when other people thought they were unimportant. Even on His way to Jerusalem during His last few days on earth, He paused to heal a blind beggar who called out to Him. Even though the crowd told the man to be quiet, Jesus heard his cry and restored his sight. In the same way, Jesus hears us when we cry out to Him. There is no problem too big for Him to handle, and He is never too busy or preoccupied to listen to our prayers.

Jesus is truly like no one else; Herod couldn't kill Him. Satan couldn't trap Him. Death couldn't destroy Him, and the grave couldn't hold Him. So why are we sometimes quiet? Why don't we proclaim Him more often to those around us who we encounter? The more people denounce, disbelieve, or criticize Christ, the stronger our relationship with Him should grow and the more willing we should be to tell others about Him. After all, He is the only name by which people can be saved. **CHRIST HAS RISEN!! TRULY HE HAS RISEN!!**

Myself, along with Diakonisa Melissa, Kerissa, Costandinos and Xenia wish everyone a blessed Paschal Season.



COMMUNITY NEWS



*Congratulations to all of these families!
May God bestow many blessings of good health,
much happiness, and many years to all of you!*



*Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers
are with all of these families
for the loss of their loved ones.
May their loving memories be eternal!*

BAPTISMS

Isla Gonzalez was baptized on April 22, 2025. She is the daughter of Jose Gonzales & Jenna Blate. Her godfather is David Blate

Mateo Gonzalez was baptized on April 22, 2025. He is the son of Jose Gonzales & Jenna Blate. His godfather is David Blate.

CHRISMATION:

Jack R. Usner was chrismated on March 18, 2025. His sponsor was Joanne Nicholas.



Pascha thank you letter to all of our volunteers:

On behalf of everyone at Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church our sincerest appreciation to all of our volunteers who made Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha so memorable.

In The Risen Lord, + Fr. Nick

I would like to express my gratitude and profound appreciation to Father Nick, the Parish Council and my St. Haralambos family for all the prayers, phone calls and texts during the past two months.

With the help of God and all the prayers, I am recovering from my recent health issues. My heartfelt thanks and blessings to all of you!

With Christian Love, Georgia Trikkas

We want to express our sincere gratitude to Father Nick, the Parish Council and everyone who called, sent cards, and offered Prayers for Ron's unexpected surgery and recovery.

Thank you all! Ron & Mary Feltz

DEATHS

Catherine Demos
February 9, 2025

Mary Hinkel
April 11, 2025

Penny Ralles
April 20, 2025

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

40-Day Memorial: May 4, 2025
Steve Manolakis

1yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Steven A. Armatas

1yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Dionysoula "Denise" Armatas

2yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Christos Politis

3yr memorial: May 4, 2025
Katherine Kapalko

3yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Vasilo Sklavenitis

3yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Michael Asimakopoulos

4yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Helen Armatas

7yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Helen Pantelides

8yr memorial: May 4, 2025
Dennis Kapalko

9yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Dimitrios Armatas

10yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Alexandros Armatas

16yr Memorial: May 4, 2025
Chris Pantelides

40-Day Memorial: May 11, 2025
Christos Kalantzis

3yr Memorial: May 11, 2025
Peter Kalantzis

3yr Trisagion: May 11, 2025
Popey Kleon



2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Haralambos Men's Club Xen Griveas Scholarship

Applications are now available for graduating seniors entering college whose family are members in good standing. Application forms are located in the organizer located outside the church office.

Application Deadline is: May 4, 2025 by Noon

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### St. Haralambos Sunday School Laura Anne Dieringer Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors of the St. Haralambos Sunday School who meet certain eligibility requirements.

The Application is an essay up to 200 words. See the KOINONIA for essay topic & details.

**Deadline: Sunday, May 4, 2025**

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2025 Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high schools seniors or students presently enrolled in a higher education program.

Applications available in the church office.

Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2025

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### 2025 Harry Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available; one for a graduating high school senior, one for an undergraduate student.

Applicant's family must be members in good standing to obtain an application. Please call the church office for an application.

**Deadline: June 27, 2025**

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2025 Kourmolis Scholarship
Information coming from
AFGLC in Tampa, Florida



Attention All Graduates!

College & High School

Let Us Know!

In our July & August issue of the *Koinonia* we will feature our annual **HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES** section.

Please submit the following information:

- Student's name
- Parent's name
- School graduating from
- School attending in the future if any
- Future field of study
- Student picture, *headshot*

Congratulations! Let Us Know!!

Please submit all information to the church office labeled "Koinonia" or email info & picture to Lauri@stharalambos.com.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is JUNE 8, 2025!

*It is time to honor our
2025 graduates!*

*Register your graduate using the following
links by May 1, 2025.*

High School:
tinyurl.com/GOMoPHS25

All College Degrees:
tinyurl.com/GOMoPCollege25





St. Haralambos Church Altar Boy Schedule

Thank you to all of our Altar Boys
for your dedication to our Lord!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Please be ready to start at 9:45 a.m.

TEAM A: May 4
June 1
June 29

TEAM B: May 11
June 8

TEAM C: May 18
June 15

TEAM D: May 25
June 22

TEAM A

John (Kaden) Higgins
Yianni Sotiropoulos
Aristides Kapalko
George Tzouloufis

TEAM B

Fotis Vonortas
Zachary Volas
Stamatios Paxos

TEAM C

Yanni Loukas
Andrew Rocco
Leonidas Paxos
Brayden Michael Johnson

TEAM D

Luke Morgan
Yianni Fakelis
Ianni Colón
Dino Shiepis

Simple Church Etiquette

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about.

Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed.

These parts of the service are:

- ◆ The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
- ◆ The reading of the Gospel;
- ◆ The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
- ◆ The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
- ◆ The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
- ◆ The Sermon;
- ◆ Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers);

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

Please remember that the Parish Council members and the ushering staff are required to keep order during services, and all should follow their instructions at all times.



MISSED PARISHIONERS

THE CANTON REGENCY

4515 22nd Street NW,
Canton, Ohio 44708
PAULA MACRIS
IRENE GIANAKIS

THE INN AT WHITEWOOD VILLAGE

3146 Whitewood St. N.W.,
North Canton, Ohio 44720
330-933-4467
STEVE BASIAKOS

MEADOW WIND HEALTH CARE CENTER

300 23rd St. NE, Room 225
Massillon, Ohio 44646
STACEY PAPPAKOSTAS

THE INN AT BELDEN VILLAGE

.3927 38th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44718
330-493-0096
DIANE FORADAS

THE WINDSOR

1454 East Maple St. NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720
330-499-8300
JACK USNER

ROSELANE SKILLED NURSING HOME

5424 High Mill Ave. NW
Massillon, Ohio 44646
MIKE NICHOLS

BETHANY

626 34th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709
LISA (COTOPOLIS) FERENCZ

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS - METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

2025 ST. PHOTIOS AWARDEES:

NIKI STROHMENGER & CONSTANTINOS R. (DEAN) DARRAH



Niki Strohmenger

Niki has been a faithful parishioner of St. Haralambos. She has taught Sunday School to High School students for 10 years. Also, she has been a GOYA advisor for a number of years. Teaching and learning together with her students about our Orthodox faith has been rewarding. Seeing her GOYAn's become compassionate, amazing adults who honor their faith as been an honor. Niki has volunteered for our major fundraiser, the Gree Fest in a number of ways. She has chaired the Dining Room for three years.

Niki along with her husband Bill have three children. Dru, Georgeanna and Eliot are her greatest accomplishments! She is a Library Media Specialist for North Canton City Schools.



Constantinos R. (Dean) Darrah

Dean is a lifelong member of St. Haralambos Church in Canton, OH.

He has followed in the footsteps of his Parents, Brother, Sister, and Godmother as a dedicated Christian steward of his Holy Church.

Dean is a retired Union Ironworker and has served his Church in many capacities. He is a church sexton, he has been a parish council member, works on the maintenance and kitchen crews and donates countless hours working for the Greekfest.

His greatest influence in his Church life was his Yiayia, who shared with him the blessed memory of his Great Grandfather who was a Priest in Stemnitsa, Greece.

Dean serves St. Haralambos Church in many different ways. He is very modest and often spends time taking care of the church property quietly without awareness or acknowledgement from his church community. Dean is a faithful and humble servant, serving his church with a generous and loving heart.



Pascha Flowers

Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful flowers and items needed for Pascha!
May God bless all of you and your families with good health
and may the memory of your departed loved ones be eternal.

DONOR	HOLY DAY	DONATION	BLESSING
Anonymous	1st Salutations	Floral Wreath	
Kostadinos & Maria Fakelis	2nd Salutations	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family
James & Tina Cotopolis	3rd Salutations	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family and in memory of loved ones
Niki & Tasos Kalantzis	4th Salutations	Floral Wreath	In memory of our deceased loved ones and for the health of our family members
Costas & Eleni Paxos	Akathist Hymn	Floral Wreath	For the health of the Costas & Eleni Paxos Family.
Helenann & Richard Meder	Annunciation	Floral Wreath	In memory of Harry & Irene Laggeris
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Palm Sunday	Palms	For the health of the Apostalides grandchildren.
James & Tina Cotopolis	Sunday Eve	Floral Wreath	In memory of loved ones and for the health of our family.
Antonia Stergiades	Monday	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family and in memory of loved ones.
Costas & Eleni Paxos	Tuesday	Floral Wreath	In memory of our loved ones.
Anonymous	Wednesday	Prosforo, Wine & Oil	In memory of loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Wednesday	Holy Unction Items	For the health of the St. Haralambos community.
John & Cynthia Loukas	Thursday	Crown of Thorns & Flowers	In memory of our parents, Philip & Irene Meshel and Nick & Angie Loukas
Anonymous	Thursday	Prosforo, Wine & Oil	In memory of loved ones.
Katherine Mandas	Thursday	Prosforo, Wine Oil, Incense & Candles	In memory of her brothers, Michael and my parents, Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Melody Bowman	Thursday	Trumpet Lilies @ Foot of the Cross	For the health of the family.
John & Gina Koutras	Thursday	Wreath/Roses Adorning Crucifix	In memory of loved ones and for the health of our family.
Marcia Bournelis	Thursday	12 Gospel Candles	In memory of our deceased family members.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Thursday	3 Candles on Crucifix	In memory of our deceased family members.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Incense & Candles	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Prosforo, Wine for Thursday	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.



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Marcia Bournelis	Friday	6 Altar Candles	In memory of Pete, Roneo and Sam Apostalides
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Friday	3 Candles on Crucifix	For the health of the Bournelis & Apostalides family.
Anonymous	Friday	Prosforo, Oil & Wine	In memory of my husband Zaxaria and son, Dimitrios.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Candles & Incense	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents, Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Friday	Rose Petals & Lemon Leaves	In memory of Pete, Roneo and Sam Pete Apostalides
Anonymous	Saturday	Prosforo, Oil & Wine	In memory of loved ones.
Anonymous	Saturday	Candles & Incense	In memory of loved ones.
Angela Vagotis & Family	Saturday	Resurrection Banner	In loving memory of my parents, Esther & Jack Vagotis and my brother, George Vagotis.
Dina & George Nikolaou	Saturday	White Roses on Altar	For the health of our family.
Anonymous	Saturday	30 Doz. Eggs	God's blessing for the community.
Marcia Bournelis	Saturday	6 Altar Candles	For the health of the Bournelis and Apostalides family.
Griveas, Nastoff, and Frustaci families	Saturday	Priest's Paschal Candle	For the health of family and in memory of loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Saturday	Resurrection Icon	Christ Has Risen, Truly He Has Risen
Anna Paxos	Saturday	Football Mums	For the health of the family.
Kostadinos & Maria Fakelis	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the family.
Rena Kalogeras	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of loved ones and for the health of the family.
Anonymous	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of loved ones.
Anna Paxos	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the family.
Nick & Theodora Kouris & Family	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the Kouris family.
George & Katherine Manuselis & family	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the Manuselis family.
John & GiGi Tsikles	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of our loved ones.



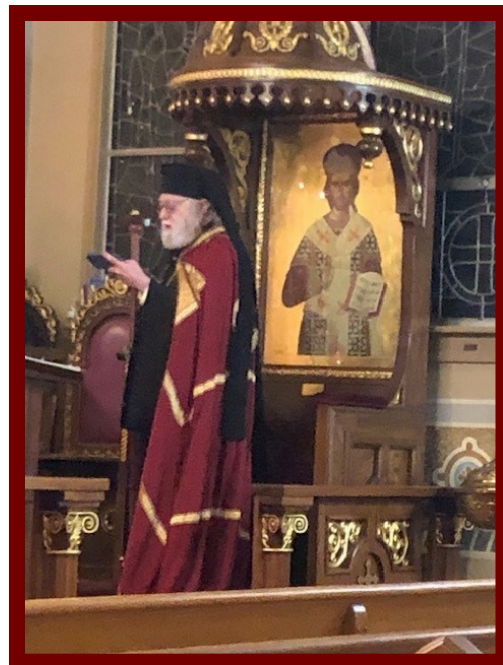
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Flora Anderson	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of John Anderson and deceased family.
Theodore Morakis	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of Mike & Mary Morakis and for the health of my son, Michael Morakis
Carol Trifelos	Epitaphion	Flowers	In remembrance of my husband, Danny.
Penny Ralles	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of loved ones.
Steve & Sandy Bozeka	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of Steve & Helen Bozeka and Rene Christ Miller
Bill & Freda Skendelas	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of our loved ones and for the health of our family.
Anonymous	Epitaphion	Flowers	
Beth, Jimmy & Tasso Lambos	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the family and in memory of our loved ones.
Voula Kandis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Sakes Kandis and loved ones
Sophia Politis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of my husband, Christos Politis
Frank & Carolyn Hill	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Athena Hill & for the health of the Frank Hill family
Tina Fasoulas-Wey	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Niove Fasoulas
Jerry & Bess McGonnell	Pascha	Lilies	For the health of our family.
Georgene Pagonis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Dean.
Penny Ralles	Pascha	Lilies	For the health of the family.
Steve & Sandy Bozeka	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Steve & Helen Bozeka and Rene Christ Miller
Chris & Elbus Kellamis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of our departed loved ones.



HOLY THURSDAY





ST. HARALAMBOS HELLENIC DANCERS

***Dance Practices: MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
&
GreekFest Performances***



Dance Practice: MAY 1st

***BEGINNERS: 4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
INTERMEDIATES: 5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.***

Dance Practices: MAY 8, 15, 22 & 29

***BEGINNERS: 4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
INTERMEDIATES: 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.
SENIORS: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.***

GreekFest Performances:

Thursday, June 5th:

***Intermediates @ 5:30 p.m.
Seniors @ 7:00 p.m.
Seniors @ 8:30 p.m.***

Friday, June 6th:

***Beginners @ 5:00 p.m.
Seniors @ 7:00 p.m.
Seniors @ 8:30 p.m.***

Saturday, June 7th:

***Beginners @ 3:30 p.m.
Intermediates @ 5:00 p.m.
Seniors @ 7:00 p.m.
Seniors @ 8:30 p.m.***

St. Haralambos G.O.C. Bookstore



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you to our incredible volunteers working in the bookstore. On any Sunday you will find Penny, Melody, or Georgia behind the counter. You'll also see them there during special events including our annual Greek Fest. For the January GOYA Tournament, we created 3 positions: cashier, sales receipt writer, and merch wrapper. Although our experienced volunteers complete all 3 tasks for each sale on Sundays and weekdays, we discovered that three people can efficiently expedite sales when there are several customers purchasing merchandise. (And, we had great fun!) We would like to duplicate this procedure for the Greek Fest. So...

If you are interested and have a couple of hours to spare, we would be thrilled to have you join us. Our Greek Fest hours are 11:00 am-9:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You can contact us on any Sunday in the bookstore, call Cynthia at 330-495-3053 or leave a message with Lauri at 330-454-7278. Thank you in advance for considering our request. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hill, Cynthia Loukas, Helenann Meder
The St. Haralambos BI&G Store Staff



St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church Byzantine Choir ~ Schedule



May:
18th, Sunday

Final Choir Sunday 9:40 am

June:
8th, Sunday

Pentecost at Holy Trinity 9:15 am



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR :

On behalf of Father Nick, the Parish Council, and the entire church community, I would like to thank the choir members for their tremendous devotion to our choir.

Throughout the year choir members faithfully dedicated themselves to all rehearsals, Sunday Services and Holy Week services singing praises to our Lord.

May the Lord continue to Bless our members with good health! God Bless You All!

Alex Christ



Congratulations to Kenna Loukas who received the Mid Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Choirs (MEFGOX) Scholarship for this past 2024-2025 academic school year.

The MEFGOX organization offers scholarships to deserving students who are actively involved in their church choir program. Kenna has been actively involved in the junior/youth choir and senior choirs throughout all her school years and is currently a member of the senior choir.



**The Senior Choir welcome
and need new members**

**All new members are
welcome!**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

TINA WEY, PRESIDENT

May/June 2025 EDITION

COMING SOON

*Wine Dine and Dance Glendi
Saturday, October 18, 2025*

*Sponsored by Philoptochos and Parish
Council to benefit our church and
Philoptochos*

*Please see enclosed flyer for details.
Since this is a church fundraiser, we are
hoping to get donations for items such as
hors d'oeuvres, food, entertainment and
wine. We have already had someone
sponsor the dessert table and hors
d'oeuvre table. For example, you can
donate proceeds toward food or sponsor
the entertainment or wine. You can
donate a case of wine or just donate a
bottle if you like. We just ask that the
value of that bottle is at least \$20. Thank
you for your support.*



*See flyer for details
Thank you in advance for
your assistance in making
this a successful and
memorable fundraiser.*

COFFEE HOUR



**Check the lobby poster for
available dates beginning
in September and get your
family and friends
together to host a week.
Thanks for those who
volunteered this past year.
Any questions, contact
Stephanie Boka at 330-
495-8798.**

THANK YOU

I can't even begin to thank everyone for their hard work for Philoptochos this past year. From coffee hours, memorials, makarias, baking Vasilopita, Christmas Party, Mothers Day Dinner, Presanctified, visiting shut ins, Name Day events, sunshine, Operation Classroom, decorating, Giving Tree and so much more. Our mission is amazing and thanks to all of you for making it happen!!

Meetings and Dues

Thank you for another successful year. Our first (and next) meeting of the new year will be **on Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. Please join our meetings the first Monday of the month. Board Meetings begin at 5:30 and general meeting at 6:00 unless noted otherwise. Dues are \$28 for 2025/2026 and can be given to Helen Apostalides or Fran Armatas beginning in September. Enter through the Agape Courtyard.

DUES for 2024/2025 ARE DUE NOW

Dues for this year are past due. If you have not paid your dues, please get them to Helen, Fran or the church office ASAP. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, July 27 memorial for St. Panteleimon our Patron saint. We will sponsor coffee hour



A night of fun, fellowship, dancing
& fundraising at the

Wine, Dine, & Dance Glendi!

October 18, 2025

hors d'oeuvres at 5pm

dinner at 6pm

(17 and under)

Adult ticket \$50

Youth ticket \$30

Get your tickets starting June 1

Cash bar

Don't miss performances by our very own
Hellenic Dancers, with music by Dimitri and Billy Manos

Sponsorships available ~ Donations accepted
Please reach out to one of our contacts if you would like to sponsor
or donate. Thank you to those who have already sponsored.

Call or Text: Tina Wey 330.414.2912

Carol Capocci 330.412.0022

Barb Lambrou 330.418.1034

Stephanie Machamer 330.704.8558

Call: Church Office: 330.454.7278

Presented by Parish Council and Philoptochos
Benefiting St. Haralambos Church and Philoptochos projects

THE METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY



2025 DAFFODIL LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025



THE METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS RETREAT

THE TRADITIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER VISITS



Mary Trifelos visiting Betty Tsangeos



Dina Fakelis, Mary Trifelos, and Mary Griveas with Stevie Abraham



Mary Griveas, Barb Lambrou, Mary Trifelos, Paula Spicer and Dina Fakelis visiting Paula Macris



Mary Griveas, Dina Fakelis, Barb Lambrou, Mary Trifelos and Paula Spicer visiting Goldie Manos.



Mary Griveas, Barb Lambrou, Paula Spicer and Dina Fakelis visiting Irene Gianakis

2025 OFFICERS

President, Kathy Dieringer
Vice President, Helen Apostalides
Secretary, Mary Trifelos
Treasurer, Georgia Trikkas
Asst. Treasurer, Goldie Manos



MAY/JUNE 2025

Kathy Dieringer, President

Silver Liners Spotlight

Programs & Luncheon Dates

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

**Hosting Holy Trinity
Seniors**

**Jon King, country singer
entertaining**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Our Annual "Picnic"



**St. Nicholas
Balalaika
Orchestra**

**No meeting July and August
Next luncheon meeting
September 16th**

Board Members

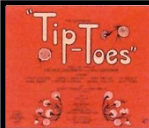
Carol Capocci
Mary Griveas
Tony Koutras

Georgia Matthews
Helenann Meder
Betty Tsangeos

Carol Trifelos, advisor

Kitchen Crew

Helen & Michael Apostalides Paris Apostolou
Joe Foster Jim Dieringer Takis Tzouloufis
Elaine Christ, Hospitality Chairperson Anna Paxos
Lefkothea Bourlas Olga Tsenekos Volunteers



*An Ohio Light
Opera Production
July 10, 2025*

The roaring 1920's, Vaudeville, Palm Beach, and the Silver Liners in Jaol. The exuberant Gershwin musical TIP-TOES comes to the Ohio Light Opera, where, the ever naughty but nice Silver Liners will be there too.

Music and Lyrics by:
George and Ira Gershwin

Lunch at the Wooster Jaol Restaurant.

After-show Delight:
DRAGONFLY WINERY with light meal

COST: \$114 (tips included)
PAYMENT DUE: May 20th



St. Haralambos Silver Liners
invite you to a

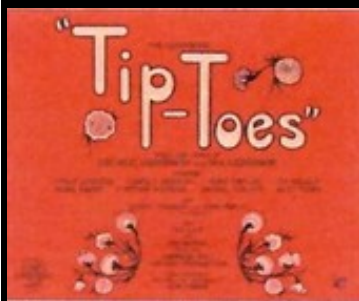
Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
at 11:30 a.m.

Alex Krassas Event Center

Buffet menu: Tossed salad, rolls & butter, baked boneless chicken breast, boneless pork chop, rigatoni with marinara sauce, red skin potatoes, glazed carrots, chocolate angel food cake, coffee, ice tea

Reservation deadline May 6
***with a \$10 refundable deposit**



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Make Check Payable to: St. Haralambos Silver Liners

For Questions, call Kathy Dieringer @ 330-265-387



CANTON GREEKOFEST



JUNE 5, 6 & 7, 2025
11am to 11pm

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

251 25th St. NW, Canton, Ohio 44709

(330) 454-7278

cantongreekfest.com

Celebrate Summer the Greek Way!





St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church | 251 25th Street, NW | Canton, Ohio 44709 | (330) 454-7278

info@cantongreekfest.com

June 5, 6 & 7, 2025

2025 Event Sponsorship Contract

Parthenon \$15,000

- Overall presenting sponsor
- Your name or company logo featured on banner on the 40 ft x 100 ft outdoor tent
- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print and radio advertising
- Vendor table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Dionysus \$10,000

- Only two sponsors in this category
- Your name or company logo featured on a banner behind the entertainment stage
- Your name or company logo featured on Canton Greek Fest website (www.cantongreekfest.com) and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print and radio advertising
- One six-foot table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Acropolis \$5,000

- Presenting sponsor of any area (indoor dining, outdoor dining, kids play area, dessert dining, wine tasting room, cooking demonstration room)
- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print
- Vendor table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Aegean Sea \$2,500

- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Athens \$1,000

- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Philhellene \$500

- Your name or company logo featured on all event signage
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Your Contact Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please list the name that you would like listed for the sponsorship: _____

*****Email hi-resolution logo to info@cantongreekfest.com*****

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church or call 330-454-7278 to charge by phone

Mail Payment and Completed Form to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
c/o 2025 Canton Greek Fest
251 25th Street, NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

~donation receipt upon request~



2025 Placemat Sponsorship Form Business & Individual

Purchaser First and Last Name: _____

Purchaser Address: _____

Purchaser Phone Number: _____ Purchaser Email: _____

Please use the following information for my ad: Please type or print. – See reverse for examples – to submit logo, email logo to info@CantonGreekFest.com

Actual Full Placemat size is 14" W x 11" H -- Please select your square size:

Square Information	Width	Height	Price per Square		Qty		Total
A. Full Placemat	13 1/2"	10 1/2"	\$ 1,000	X		=	\$
B. Half Placemat	6"	5"	\$ 500	X		=	\$
C. 6 squares, center	6"	6"	\$ 300	X		=	\$
D. 5 squares, column	2-1/2"	9-3/4"	\$ 250	X		=	\$
E. 4 squares, center	6"	4"	\$ 200	X		=	\$
F. 3 squares, column	2-1/2"	6"	\$ 150	X		=	\$
G. 2 squared, column	2-1/2"	4"	\$ 100	X		=	\$
H. 2 squares side-by-side	6"	2"	\$ 100	X		=	\$
I. 1 square	2-1/2"	2"	\$ 50	X		=	\$
J. 1/2 square	2-1/2"	1"	\$ 25	X		=	\$
GRAND TOTAL							\$

PLACEMAT FORMS DUE: MAY 24, 2025

Please make checks payable to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
c/o 2024 Canton Greek Fest Placemat Ad
251 25th Street, NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

Credit Cards Accepted:   

Call our church office at (330) 454-7278 to pay by credit card.

Questions about Placemat Ads? Contact Stephanie Fakelis (330) 327-0250 or sfakelis@gmail.com



Schedule of Events

JUNE 5, 6 & 7, 2025

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Wine Tasting	4pm-11pm
		Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	4pm-11pm	DJ Puff	4pm-11pm
Hellenic Dancers	5:30pm, 7pm	Greek Cooking	7pm
Performances	& 8:30pm	Demonstration	
	Outdoor Dance Party with DJ Puff	9pm	

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Wine Tasting	4pm-11pm
		Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	4pm-11pm	DJ Vasilios	4pm-11pm
Hellenic Dancers	5pm, 7pm & 8:30pm	Greek Cooking	5:30pm & 7:30pm
Performances		Demonstrations	
	Greek Night with DJ Vasilios	9:15pm	

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Wine Tasting	11am-9pm
		Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	11am-11pm	DJ Billy Manos	11am - 3pm
Musicians of Olympus	3pm-11p	Hellenic Dancers	3:30pm, 5pm, 7pm &
Greek Cooking	5:30pm & 7:30pm	Performances	8:30pm
Demonstrations		Fireworks	After Dark

Schedule Subject to Change



SILENT AUCTION 2025

We are again asking for donations and or items for this year's baskets for the 2025 Canton Greek Fest.

If you or someone you know has any services or items to donate to make a basket, please let us know! Items must be in new condition please.

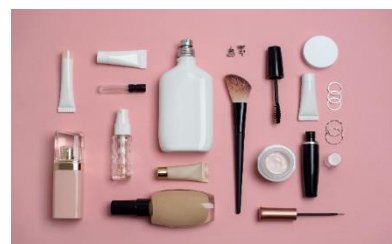
Get together with friends and families to go in on your basket donation!

Deadline to donate auction items is May 28, 2025

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|--|--------------------------------|---|
| • Lottery Ticket Tree | • Specialty Coffee & Tea Items | • Gardening Basket |
| • Golf Packages and Items | • Movie Theatre Basket | • Exercise Items |
| • Salon & Spa Packages and Items | • Barbecue & Grill Items | • Sports Themes Items & Apparel |
| • Jewelry Items | • Children's Board Games | • Scarves, Pins, & other accessories |
| • Makeup Items | • Movie DVD's Basket | • Specialty Pasta & Sauce Items |
| • Kitchen Items | • Specialty Food Items | • Pet Items |
| • Gluten-Free Basket | • Children's Books | • Outdoor Lawn Games |
| • Specialty Coffee and Tea Items | • Wine & Bar Items | • Photo Frames |
| • Lotions, Soaps, Perfumes, Colognes | • Beer & Bar Items | • Camping Items |
| • Coloring pencils, crayons, books, etc. | • Olive Oil & Vinegars | • Picnic Items |
| • Computer Accessories | • Chocolate Basket | • Specialty Candles |
| • Nuts & Snacks Basket | • Popcorn Basket | • Gift Cards too! |
| | • Baby Basket | • <i>Any idea, it is limitless</i> |
| | • Baking Items Basket | |
| | • Phone Accessories | |

Questions? Please contact Auction Basket Chairperson:
Marcia Bournelis | mbourn60@gmail.com | 330-309-3428

In person bidding is available at the Canton Greek Fest Thursday, June 5, Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 11am to 9pm in the Krassas Center Lobby



Saint Haralambos Church **SCHOLARSHIPS**



Scholarship applications are available in the church office
or in the organizer located outside of the church office.

The Michael and Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship



The Michael and Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship committee
announces the availability of scholarship application for 2025.

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school students
OR students presently enrolled in a higher education program.

Applications for these scholarships are available in the church office and must
be completed and returned to the church office by May 31, 2025.

The two scholarships will be awarded by July 31, 2025 directly to the students.

2025 AHEPA Scholarships

Apply Now Online!

Instructions and Applications are available for:

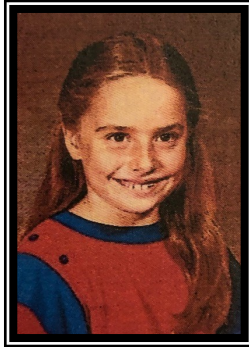
Canton Chapter 59 at: ahepa59.org (April 30, Deadline)

Buckeye District 11 at: buckeyedistrict11.org (March 31, Deadline)

AHEPA National at: ahepa.org (March 31, Deadline)

Contact: John Karipides (330) 283-0113
Paul Koskovich (330) 327-4079

*Saint Haralambos Sunday School
Laura Anne Dieringer Memorial Scholarship 2025*



Laura Anne Dieringer was one of our littlest angels, attending Sunday School until October 1984 when God took her home to join His family of angels in Heaven. Laura is still remembered for her joyful enthusiasm and eagerness for knowledge of our Orthodox faith through Sunday School attendance, so it is fitting that this scholarship be given in her memory and honor.

The \$500 scholarship is being made available through the joint collaboration of Sunday School and Mr. John Tsangeos, Laura's grandfather, of blessed memory, who graciously continues to co-sponsor this scholarship annually in loving memory of his precious granddaughter.

The scholarship is available to all graduating seniors of Sunday School who meet the following requirements/criteria/qualifications:

- Applicant must be a registered student of the Sunday School program from the beginning of the school year and complete the program through his/her senior year of high school to graduation.
- Applicant must be in good standing with regular Sunday School class attendance.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a college or technical program.
- Applicant must write and submit an essay of 200 words or less how he/she has grown in his/her Orthodox Faith through regular Sunday School attendance and what has been the most meaningful and spiritually rewarding personal experience through class participation.
- Essay deadline is Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Please submit your essay by the May 4th deadline to:

Saint Haralambos Sunday School
251 - 25th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

Recipients will be announced Sunday, May 18, 2025, Sunday School Recognition Sunday.

Thank you and God bless.

Harry A. Thomas Memorial Scholarship – 2025

Harry A. Thomas, born and raised in Canton, Ohio, from a young age, loved his church of St. Haralambos. He developed a strict work ethic from delivering papers as a young news boy and became a man of great wealth both spiritually and literally. He became a very successful businessman, entrepreneur, friend, and a very generous philanthropist. Years ago, he gave back to his Church by developing an Endowment Fund to St. Haralambos with the focus to perpetuate the faith and to have monies available to its youth for educational purposes. On March 13, 2011, Mr. Thomas fell asleep in the Lord, and left behind a Memorial Scholarship to be given to qualified seniors graduating high school and entering universities and colleges. Such was the nature of this humble man. We owe him much gratitude. May his memory be eternal.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive a scholarship, an applicant must fulfill all of the requirements:

1. Be a high school graduate. (or)
2. Be a full-time undergraduate in an accredited university, college or technical school.
3. **The applicant's family must be a member in good standing at St. Haralambos at the time of requesting the application (specifically, fulfillment of its 2024 stewardship pledge and submittal of its 2025 stewardship pledge card).**
4. Prior scholarship winners at either level are not eligible.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following (in alphabetical order only):

1. Character
2. Demonstration of determination to complete her or his education
3. Financial need
4. Scholastic achievement
5. School, community and church activities

Application

A complete application consists of four parts (any omission will result in disqualification).

1. Application form. Please note that there are separate application forms for Graduating High School Seniors (pages 3 & 4 of the attached application) and for Continuing College Students (pages 5 & 6 of the attached application).
2. Confidential Statement of Parent or Guardian (page 7 of the attached application).
3. Official transcript of grades from your educational institution (with an official seal or signed by an authorized school official).
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters from relatives of the applicant are NOT acceptable. One of your letters must be from an educator (pages 8 & 9 of the attached application). Applicants may use letters of recommendation from prior years.

Deadline

Completed applications must be received by Friday, June 27, 2025 or mailed with a postmark by Thursday, June 26, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Mail applications to:

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
c/o Harry A. Thomas Memorial Scholarship
251 25th Street, N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44709

Awards will be announced by Sunday, July 27, 2025. Applicants will be notified by phone or mail of the results of the competition. Formal presentation of the awards will be made after notification. The applicant and/or family representative(s) is strongly encouraged to attend the presentation.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact John Kellamis at (330) 351-1339.

ST. HARALAMBOS MEN'S CLUB XEN GRIVEAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

The Men's Club of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church offers two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in scholarships each year for the benefit of high school graduates entering college. The amount will be divided among two qualified applicants.

Applicants for the scholarships must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The applicant's family must be an active member of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church and in good standing.*
- 2) The applicant must be a high school graduate of a Stark or Summit County High School and prepared to meet the entrance requirements in a regular college course of a recognized educational institution of higher learning.*
- 3) The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, community involvement, extra curricular activities and financial need.*
- 4) Every applicant must complete the application of the Men's Club, provide a transcript of high school grades, and send a letter summarizing an applicant's accomplishments and reasons why the applicant feels he or she should receive the scholarship.*

The application must be sent to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Men's Club, who, in turn will forward the application to the scholarship screening committee of the Men's Club. All applications should be received no later than May 4.

St. Haralambos Men's Club Scholarship Regulations

- 1) The Men's Club Scholarship offers two - one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in scholarships for two applicants entering college.*
- 2) Applicant's must be graduate seniors of a Stark or Summit County high school, and members of St. Haralambos Church.*
- 3) The Scholarship will be awarded based on academic standing, community involvement, and extra curricular activities.*
- 4) Application must be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee who, in turn, will forward it to the scholarship screening committee. The application should be received no later than the May 4.*

**SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATE:
Sunday, May 4, 2025 by Noon**

**ST. HARALAMBOS MEN'S CLUB
XEN GRIVEAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

PERSONAL DATA:

Name in Full _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Permanent Address _____
(street)

(city) (zip)

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School Attended _____

Grade Point Ave. _____ No. of Semesters _____

Class Rank _____ In a Class of _____

SAT Score: V _____ M _____

ACT COMP _____

Colleges / Universities that you have applied to:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Colleges / Universities that have accepted you:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

<u>Year</u>	<u>Scholarship Description</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2025

STEPHANIE MACHAMER, DIRECTOR

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for a very successful Sunday School Year. We had a jammed packed year of learning. Our teachers and staff are extremely dedicated and I can't thank them enough for everything they do for the youth of our church.

We will continue to collect "kid friendly" food all summer in Martha's Cupboard for our "Raise the Barr" feeding the kids program. Our last food delivery for the year will be May 2, and we will begin again September 12th. We couldn't do this without all of your support and donations. THANK YOU!!!

Our Mini Lenten Retreat was a huge success. We learned about the Kouvouklion/Epitaphio. Thank you Tula for a wonderful lesson. Thank you to George & Patty Yelichek for the "mini" Epitaphio (above) that was made specially for Sunday School. It is beautiful and the children of our church were honored to carry it around the church on Good Friday. What another great lesson they learned. Linda Natale, what can I say about the keepsake that each family received on Saturday of Lazarus. So much love was put into making these for our families. Absolutely stunning!!! THANK YOU!!! As we close another year, I am honored to be a part of the best Sunday School Program not only in the Pittsburgh Diocese, but the United States. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**MAY 11 SUNDAY
SCHOOL
TEACHER
APPRECIATION**

**MAY 18 LAST
SUNDAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PROGRAM
UPSTAIRS AFTER
CHURCH**

**ALL YOUTH
CELEBRATION**

**AFTER CHURCH
TRI-ROOM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 21**

**ENJOY THE
SUMMER**

THE JOYful NEWS

Have A Great Summer!

Christ Is Risen!

JOY has been busy! The JOY Coffee Hour in March was a lot of fun! The kids enjoyed serving food and drinks, along with cleaning up, too! Thank you to Philoptochos, and to our JOY parents for all of your help.

We're also thankful for Deacon Keric and his son, Deno (a JOY member)! They walked us through the significance behind the Liturgical colors we see during different times of the year. It was a great presentation with visual examples to go along! **Thank you so much!**

Just in time for Easter, our JOY kids made beautiful Easter baskets for our missed parishioners. Thank you, Philoptochos, for partnering with JOY to deliver our baskets during your Easter visits.

We also enjoyed an outing in April to see the new movie, The King of Kings. It's a wonderful movie about the life of Jesus in an animated style for the whole family.

CONGRATULATIONS To Our JOY Graduates!

There are 3 JOY members moving up to Jr. GOYA in the fall. We have LOVED having their fellowship in JOY, and I know they'll continue to do amazing things as they grow within our youth group programs!



2025 JOY GRADUATES
Elowyn Benno Antonia Fakelis
Kaden Higgins



Grads: Please see me at the Youth Celebration for your certificate

SAVE THE DATES

May 4

JOY Spring Cleaning

Please meet in the youth room after church. We will be cleaning desks and chairs.

May 18

Youth Celebration Sunday!

All Youth Families: Enjoy **FREE Pizza & Cotton Candy** in the Tri-Room after church

June 6

JOY at the Festival

A sign-up link with information will be emailed to all JOY families

JOY 2025/2026

Please watch for a registration reminder in August for our upcoming JOY session.

JOY is for our youth in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Please feel free to reach out this summer with questions:
Stephanie.Sakel@gmail.com

JOY & JR. GOYA'S SOCK HOP!







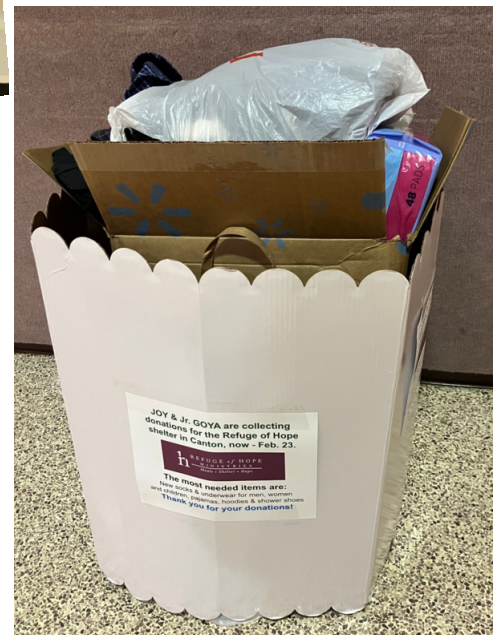
Guest Speaker Savvas Bournelis!



Refuge Of Hope Project



Thank you for
your donations
for the Refuge
of Hope shelter
in Canton!

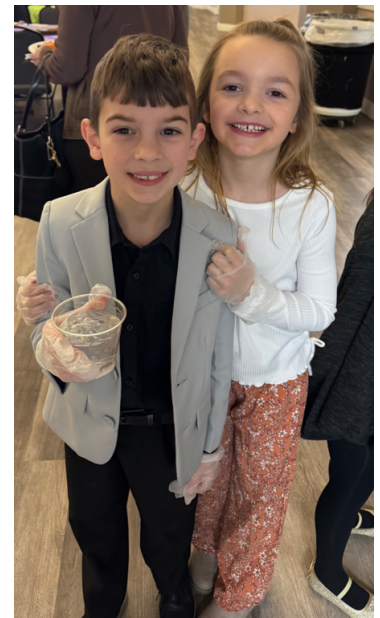




Coffee Hour with JOY!



The JOY kids hosted and served food and drinks, and cleaned the tables for Coffee Hour, March 9! **Everyone did a wonderful job!**
Thank you to all of the grown-ups and Philoptochos members who helped on this day!





Deacon Keric Knows His Colors, and he taught the JOY kids about them, too!



Deacon Keric and his son, Deno, helped our JOY group learn more about the different Liturgical colors in The Orthodox Church, as well as the meaning behind the red eggs we make for Pascha.





THANK YOU Deacon Keric & Deno!
We learned so much!



JOY made Easter baskets again this year for Philoptochos to give to our missed parishioners. Thank you to all of the kids who helped make these beautiful baskets!



JOY at the Theater!

JOY went to see
The King of Kings
at Tinseltown. It's a lovely
animated film about Jesus, and
it's perfect for the whole family!



Thank you for coming!

youth

Celebration Sunday!

Growing Together In Christ!

SUNDAY SCHOOL JOY Jr. GOYA GOYA

**Let's Celebrate
Another Great
Year Together!**

May 18

**In the Tri-Room
after Liturgy!**

**ALL Sunday School & youth group kids and their
immediate family are welcome at this FREE celebration!**

**Enjoy pizza for lunch, sponsored by our youth groups!
Plus, enjoy fresh cotton candy from the Oh Fluff! station,
sponsored by Sunday School!**



Oh Fluff!
COTTON CANDY



GOYA NEWS

**Weekend of Service
March 22, 2025**

**Our GOYAn's and parents helped with food distribution
at North Canton Church of Christ.**



Farewell to our Seniors

**We wish our Senior Leaders the very best and we want
them to know that they will be missed!**



Summer Camp 2025

Early registration:

April 8th, 7:00pm.

Week 1:
June 15-21
2nd-4th
Grade



Week 2:
June 22-28
5th-7th
Grade



Metropolis of Pittsburgh Camp

Week 4:
July 6-12
10th-12th
Grade



Week 3:
June 29-July 5
7th-9th
Grade



Early Registration: April 8th at 7:00 pm - May 8th at 11:59 pm
Regular Registration: May 9th at 12:00 am - June 1st at 11:59 pm
More information: y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp

GOYA Cleaners



Our GOYAn's & parents cleaned the pews and sanitized the laminated prayer cards and vacuumed the carpet. The baseboards were cleaned in the Narthex along with sweeping too. The Krassas Center was spruced up with cleaning the baseboards and chair rail.



Good Friday 2025

GOYA Luminary Project



***St. Haralambos GOYA
Philoptochos Society***

Michael & Helen Apostalides

Fran Armatas

Vince & Stephanie Arrigo

Virginia & Nick Ballas

Sara Brown

Alex & Alexander Christ

Lula Contos

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*GOYA Members, Advisors and Father Nick
Past Members
Our Members
The Apostalides Family
The Bandurka Family
Parents
Aunts
Uncles
Children
Grandchildren
Our Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones
Thomas Katsadas
William and Helen Ballas
Father Anthony and Presbyteria Anna Spirtos
Our Family
All St. Haralambos Families
Mary Imely
Harry Papatheodorou
Olga Giustino
George & Dorothy Papatheodorou
Our Loved Ones
Our Family

Our Family*

Janet Diamant

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Linda Diamant
Janet Diamant
Steve Diamant
Kim Putnam
Stephanie Diamant
Alyssa Diamant
Christopher Diamant
Ikumi Diamant
Jonah Diamant
Owen Diamant*

Kathy Dieringer

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Kalliopi Tsangeos
John Tsangeos
Michael Tsangeos
Laura Dieringer
John Fakelis
The Tsoukalas Family
Kakleas
All of Us
Dina Fakelis
Our Lost Loved Ones
Pete Foradas
Helen Foradas*

Mike Fakelis

Susan & John Foradas

Georgene Gabriele

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Mary Griveas

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Taso Lucas
Everyone
Xenophon Griveas & Parents
Panagiotis, Eftichia & Steve Lemos
The Griveas, Nastoff & Frustaci Families
The Lemos & Paradis Families
Loved Ones of Paxos Family
Loved Ones of Kalaitsides Family
Anna Alexopoulou
Paxos Family
Kalaitsides Family
Sakes Kandis and Loved Ones
My Family*

Voula Kandis

Athan Kapalko

Sophia Kazes

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Katherine Kapalko
William McNutt
Stefanos Nicholas
Tasoula Nicholas
Markella Kazes
Dimitri Kazes
Our Family & Friends
The DiStefano Deceased Family Members
The Kellamis Deceased Family Members
The Bumess Deceased Family Members*

Christine Kellamis

Carolyn Hill	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Athena Marie Hill</i>
Theodora Kouris	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Hill Family</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Panagiotis Zafirias</i>
Shelly Loukas	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Family</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Andreas Ekaterin</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>The Loukas Family</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>The Meshel Family</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Family</i>
Peter and Carolyn Michalos	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Church</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>George Michalos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Olga Michalos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Louis Fakelis</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Anthony Rispinto</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Lucas Rispinto</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Benjamin Rispinto</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Eleni Michalos</i>
Michael & Despina Morgan	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Lambros M. Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Departed Family Members & Loved Ones</i>
Mike & Stephanie Nastoff	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Family and Loved Ones</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Family & Friends Who Are No Longer With Us</i>
Artemis Nikolaou	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Nastoff & Griveas Families</i>
Dina & George Nikolaou	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Christina Sklavenitis</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>George & Voula Sotiropoulos</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>George & Dina Nikolaou</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Dino, Artemis & Giorgos Nikolaou</i>
Paula Papadopulos Spicer	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Craig, Voula & Anastasia Waikem</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Sheriff George & Betty Papadopulos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>James & Barbara Lambrou</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Terry Spicer</i>
Karen Pavlis	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Papadopulos/Lambrou/Spicer Families</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Ruth & Roy Schilling , Parents</i>
Anna Paxos	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Alayna Pavlis, Military Fort San Houston</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Lambros M. Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Mihail & Ioanna Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Dimitri & Maria Rizou</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Chris Paxos</i>
Costas & Eleni Paxos	<i>For the Health of</i>	<i>Our Family & Loved Ones</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Mihail Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Ioanna Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Panagiotis Andriotis</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Maria Andriotis</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Lambros Paxos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Chris Paxos</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Costas & Eleni Paxos</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Family of Costas & Eleni</i>

Mike & Georgia Paxos	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Departed Paxos & Andriotis Family Members</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Departed Arvanitis & Koutsothodoros Family Members</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Paxos & Andriotis Family Members</i>
Pirovolos Family	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Departed Arvanitis & Koutsothodoros Family Members</i>
Sophia Politis	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>The Family</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Christos Politis</i>
Nick Ramphos	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>My Family</i>
Jaime Rocco	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Anthony Ramphos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Angelo Charles Rocco</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Rocco Family</i>
Stephanie Sakel	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Christine Creekus</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Angeline Creekus</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Christoper Creekus</i>
Vicky and John Sakellariou	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Our Loved Ones</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Our Family and Loved Ones</i>
Allison Sarris	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Nick & Margaret Trikilas</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Stella Vallos</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Gus & Pablo Caripides</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Vinnie Thomas</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Family & Friends</i>
William & Freda Skendelas	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Elle Panterlis</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Pete Panterlis</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John Skendelas</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Tula Skendelas</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Our Family</i>
Pete & Phaidra Sotiropoulos	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Our Lost Loved Ones</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>The Sotiropoulos Family</i>
	<i>For The Heath of</i>	<i>The Tataris Family</i>
Mary Stavrakis	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Theodore</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Anna</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Michael</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Maria</i>
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	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Maria</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Athena</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Despina</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Lennonann</i>
Antonia Stergiades	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Anthony</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Julia</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Eleni</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>William</i>
	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Emmanuel</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Elaina</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Ioanna</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Antonia</i>

Georgia Stilianos

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In Memory of
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In Memory of*

*Irene Chagaros
Effie Chagaros
Nicholas Chagaros
Antónis*

Niki Strohmenger

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In Memory of
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For The Health of*

*Georgia & Samuel Adams
The Kounouzvelis Families
The Strohmenger Family
The Adams Family*

Mary Trifelos

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For The Health of*

*Harry Trifelos
Helen Trifelos
George H. Trifelos
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***Betty Tsangeos
Tsenekos Family***

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In Memory of
For The Health of*

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Elias Tsenekos
Fotini Tzouloufis
My Parents*

Takis Tzouloufis

*For The Health of
In Memory of
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*The Tzouloufis Family
Stella Vallos
All Deceased Family Members
Pam Andricopoulos
All Those Suffering*

Peter and Joanna Volas

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*Our Loved Ones ~ The Paxos Family
Our Loved Ones ~ The Volas Family
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The Volas Families
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Schedule of Events

JUNE 5, 6 & 7, 2025

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm	Wine Tasting	4pm-11pm
	3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	4pm-11pm	DJ Puff	4pm-11pm
Hellenic Dancers	5:30pm, 7pm	Greek Cooking	7pm
Performances	& 8:30pm	Demonstration	
	Outdoor Dance Party with DJ Puff	9pm	

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm	Wine Tasting	4pm-11pm
	3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	4pm-11pm	DJ Vasilios	4pm-11pm
Hellenic Dancers	5pm, 7pm & 8:30pm	Greek Cooking	5:30pm & 7:30pm
Performances		Demonstrations	
	Greek Night with DJ Vasilios	9:15pm	

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

Drive-Thru Open	11am-7pm	Indoor Dining	11am-9pm
Bookstore	11am-9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am-9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm	Wine Tasting	11am-9pm
	3pm, 5pm & 7pm	Kids Playground	4pm-9pm
Outside Dining	11am-11pm	DJ Billy Manos	11am - 3pm
Musicians of Olympus	3pm-11p	Hellenic Dancers	3:30pm, 5pm, 7pm &
Greek Cooking	5:30pm & 7:30pm	Performances	8:30pm
Demonstrations		Fireworks	After Dark

Schedule Subject to Change

